

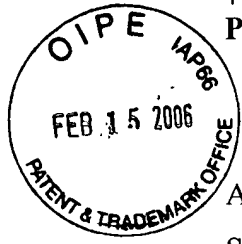
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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is in response to a Final Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application on September 27, 2005. The Office Action sets a three-month period in which to file a response. Accordingly, a response to the outstanding Office Action was due December 27, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of two (2) months is hereby requested and a check for the appropriate amount is enclosed. In light of the extension of time, the period for filing a response to the September 27th Office Action now expires February 27, 2006 and the present Amendment is timely filed.

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